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FRAME CONSTRUCTION FOR A FIREARM WITH
REMOVABLE SIDE PLATE

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[0001] This application claims the benefits of prior filed, co-pending U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/417,023 filed on October 7, 2002 and International Application No. PCT/US2003/030684 filed on September 25, 2003.